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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

SYOICHI ICHIHASHI : EXAMINER: BELL

SERIAL NO: 10/521,794 :

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FOR: METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING ORCHID HAPLOID BY TREATING UNFERTILIZED ORCHID FLOWER WITH AUXIN AND METHOD OF GROWING ORCHID

PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue so that a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a)(1) and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4) may be considered. The petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) (\$130.00) and the fee for Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a)(1) (\$810.00) are enclosed herewith.

Applicants note that the issue fee was paid on February 27, 2008.

Applicants believe that the consideration of the reference concurrently filed in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is a good and sufficient reason for this application to be withdrawn from issue and respectfully request that the reference be considered.

Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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